

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the description to correct a typographical error and to properly reflect the status of the U.S. Patent Application cited therein.

The Examiner is requiring restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

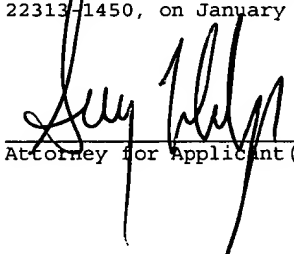
- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a structure comprising a clamp classified in class 438; and
- II. Claims 17-26, drawn to a structure using image processing and pattern recognition classified in class 382 subclass 151.

Applicants hereby elect group I, Claims 1-16. Accordingly, Claims 17-26 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

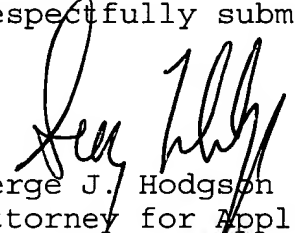
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